

spot where my captures were made. I fancied that all three *Nomadas* were parasitic on *A. fulvicrus*, which was very common in 1901 and 1902. Strange to say, *A. fulvicrus* and all the *Nomadas* seem now to have almost disappeared. I am hoping they are holding over, and if so I will try and find out whether there is not another host of *N. solidaginis*.—ID.

*Notes on some of the scarcer Tenthredinidæ.*—It is but seldom that any records appear of the sawflies, so I send a notice of a few of the more conspicuous species which have passed through my hands during the past year or two. The opportunity of examining the Midland species was given me by Mr. A. H. Martineau, of Solihull, while the species from the neighbourhood of Maidstone were sent to me by Mr. H. Elgar, Curator of the Maidstone Museum. It will be observed that they have been taken in various years, but are, I think, none the less worthy of record on that account. I am indebted to the Rev. F. D. Morice for determining or confirming many of the species, and also giving me Konow's nomenclature, which I therefore use, adding Cameron's names as given in his Monograph, "British Phytophagous Hymenoptera," vols. i and iii.

*Neuroctina flaviventris*, Retz., ♂ and ♀, Solihull; *Pamphilus inanitus*, Vill., Strood and Maidstone, June 10th, 1903; *P. sylvaticus*, L., Maidstone, May 29th, 1903; *P. fulvipennis*, Zadd. (*sylvareum*), Bentley Wood, near Ipswich, two specimens, June 3rd, 1898, C. Morley; *Schizoceros furcatus*, Vill., Wyre Forest, May 26th, 1890 (Ent. Mo. Mag., p. 165, 1905); *S. geminatus*, Gmel., St. Albans, May, 1903, Mr. Gibbs; Harrietsham, near Maidstone, May, 1904; *Lophyrus pini*, L., Maidstone, 1898; *Dolerus madidus*, Klug (*lateritius*), Solihull, May 21st, 1901; *Tenthredopsis tristis*, Cam., Coleshill, June 17th, 1901; *Macrophya rufipes*, L., ♂ and ♀, near Maidstone, not scarce, May and June, 1904; *M. rufipes*, dark var. (*hematopus*, Cam.), near Maidstone, June 15th, 1904; *M. blanda*, F., ♂ and ♀, West Malvern, May 28th, 1901; *Allantus maculatus*, F., Wyre Forest, May 25th, 1890; *A. vespa*, Retz. (*tricinctus*), ♂ and ♀, Maidstone, May, 1903; *A. omissus*, Forst. (*marginellus*), ♂, Sallerton, July 10th, 1901; *A. zona*, Klug (*quadricinctus*), Wyre Forest, May 25th, 1896; *A. amœnus*, Grav. (*cingulum*), ♂ and ♀, Halling, near Maidstone, June, 1901 and 1905; *Tenthredo colon*, Klug, Matlock, July 4th, 1900; Cannock Chase, June 8th, 1904; these two specimens were sent me by Mr. Claude Morley, having been received by him from two correspondents.—E. N. BLOOMFIELD, Guestling: March, 1906.

*Notes on Diptera in the New Forest, 1905.*—Judging from my own experience the season last year was a poor one for *Diptera*; but two causes may have contributed to this in my case, viz., not happening to be there at the best periods, and advancing years preventing me from doing much work. I was at Lyndhurst during part of April, part of May, the whole of July and September, and found a great dearth of even the commonest flies during those periods; but a friend of mine told me he did fairly well during the latter part of June, and took some good ones, including a *Callicera ænea*, F., which I have not seen since 1902. My visits were timed for certain species, and several mornings during July were devoted to Matley Bog in search of *Eristalis cryptarum*, F., but I hardly saw a fly of any sort, and

had I wanted a dozen specimens of *E. texar*, L., would have found it difficult to collect them. Besides *Lophosia fasciata*, Mg., previously reported, my best captures were:—*Docosia valida*, Winn., *Anaclinia nemoralis*, Mg., *Leptomorphus walkeri*, Curt., *Platyna atrata*, Mg. ? (♀), *Ceroplatus tipuloides*, F., *Macrocera centralis*, Mg., *Plesiastina annulata*, Mg., *Atherix marginata*, Mg., *Dioctria reinhardi*, W., *Lasiopogon cinctus*, F., *Empis punctata*, Mg., *Hylemyia flavipennis*, Flin., *Pegomyia flavipes*, Flin., *Hydromyza livens*, F., *Tephritis corniculata*, Flin., *Phortica variegata*, Schnr., another ♀ of the still unnamed *Palloptera*, and also several specimens of a *Platyna* with "black body," which I have distributed amongst friends, who have not as yet suggested the specific name. I also obtained through Mr. Brameld *Pedicia rivosia*, L., *Ctenophora flaveolata*, F., and *Icterica westermanni*, Mg.—FREDK. C. ADAMS, 50, Ashley Gardens, S.W. : April, 1906.

## Societies.

BIRMINGHAM ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Monday, February 19th, 1906.—Mr. G. T. BETHUNE-BAKER President, in the Chair.

The various Annual Reports, Statement of Accounts, &c., were presented, and the Officers and Council elected for the ensuing year.

Mr. H. Willoughby Ellis exhibited various *Coleoptera*, including *Mycetochares bipustulata*, bred from larvæ taken in the New Forest; *Plinus sexpunctatus* from Solihull, an insect new to Warwickshire; an *Opilo*, very like our *O. mollis*, bred from galls of *Cynips kollari* found at Biskra, Algeria, by Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, and a drawer of *Anchomenina*, comprising all the species of the British list. Mr. W. E. Collinge showed a small moth from Fiji, where it has been doing serious damage to the coco-nut palms, together with the larvæ, pupæ, and cocoons of the same, and portions of the palm leaves showing the injury done. He said that so serious was the damage that in one large grove all the fronds hung down as if dead. Unfortunately, though it had been examined by various authorities, he had not yet been able to get it identified. Mr. G. H. Kenrick showed various butterflies, including some fine *Danaidæ*, *Acræina*, &c., from New Guinea, Thursday Island, the Loyalty Islands, &c.—COLBRAN J. WAINWRIGHT, *Hon. Secretary*.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY: The usual Monthly Meeting of this Society was held in the Royal Institution, Liverpool, on Monday, the 19th March.—Mr. R. WILDING, Vice-President, occupied the Chair.

A paper was read by Mr. W. Mansbridge upon the *Micro-Lepidoptera* of the Liverpool District. About seventy species were dealt with, some of them new to the county list. Among the more interesting records was that of the moth *Myelois ceratonix*, and its aberration *pryerella*, with an intermediate form; these were bred from larvæ found in dates purchased in Liverpool. Another interesting insect was a specimen of *Dioryctria abietella*, a very dark form captured in Delamere Forest. A bred series of the local Tortrix *Peronea permutana* from